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Dear Editor,

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Title: Laboratory markers in ulcerative colitis: current insights and future advances

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:
1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer
   (1) **Reviewed by 00227388**
   ? Page 1 Paragraph 2 line 1 Test should be Tests ? line 3 should say employment of non-invasive ....biomarkers is needed ? Paragraph 3 line 3 - "markers that could be developed ...." ? Second last Paragraph line 2-3 have revolutionised the field of the biomarker ? Last Paragraph significant benefit and not beneficial ? Page 2 Paragraph 2 last line - EITHER rewrite the last sentence or consider deleting the 3rd word not. ? Page 2 last line Tests not test ? Page 3 2nd line ..employment of non-invasive biomarkers is not are. ? Page 4 line 2 ESR not ERS ? 2nd Paragraph 1st line satisfactorily not satisfactory ? 3rd Paragraph 2nd last line "....... none of the controls, ... ? Page 6 5th last line of Page Levels of CRP ...... ? Page 7 3rd Paragraph from below & 3rd line ".... treatment occurs only ....." ? Page 8 3rd line " .... field of biomarker discovery ..." ? Page 9 6th line from below "..... benefit ....." not beneficial.

   Replay: The text is revised as suggested

   (2) **Reviewed by 00503539**

   We added in introduction Knowledge concerning Pathogenesis and therapeutic strategies for UC

   Specific comments: 1) Table 1 is too simple. Some comments about the characteristics/usefulness of each serum markers should be included in this table.

   Replay: The Table was modified

   2) There are some misspellings. Careful edition should be required.

   Replay: We revised the text